

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2006
11:00 A.M. OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE
REGULAR COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated July 13, 2006. Stevens, Workman and Schorr voted aye. Heier abstained from voting. Motion carried.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Discussion with Bruce Bohrer, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President/Governmental Affairs Counsel

MOTION: Stevens moved and Heier seconded approval of the addition to the agenda. Workman, Heier, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Bohrer, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President/Governmental Affairs Counsel, presented the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Budget Resolution (Exhibit A). He said governmental bodies are encouraged to keep their reliance on property taxes to the rate of inflation and to only use community growth percentages for projects that meet determined areas of excellence and/or promote job growth and city infrastructure. Bohrer urged the Board to strive for efficiencies in personnel costs, the budget's largest item, and said the Chamber of Commerce would be willing to assist in finding legislative solutions.

3 BUDGET WORK SESSION - Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer

Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer, gave an overview of the following (Exhibits B & C):

- ▶ FY06 Valuations & Tax Rates
- ▶ Possible Adjustments in Taxes from 7/11/06
- ▶ Lancaster County, Comparison FY07 to FY06 Expense Budget
- ▶ Lancaster County, Comparison FY06 to FY05 Revenue Budget
- ▶ General Fund Miscellaneous, General Government (Agency 612)
- ▶ General Fund Miscellaneous, Justice System (Agency 628)
- ▶ Sheriff Capital Items in the Justice Miscellaneous Budget
- ▶ General Fund Miscellaneous, Health & Human Services (Agency 805)
- ▶ Lancaster County Summary of Expenditure Requirements
- ▶ General Fund Revenue Budget Summary
- ▶ General Fund Expense Budget Summary
- ▶ Lancaster County, Summary Analysis of Requested Budget, Data Processing
- ▶ Detail on Data Processing Budget
- ▶ FY07 Budget, Adjustments to Agency Budgets
- ▶ Expense Budget Comparison, Juvenile Court (Agency 623), Report as of 7/7/2006
- ▶ Juvenile Court, Actual FY02 to FY06, Budget FY07

Board consensus was to reduce legal fees in the Juvenile Court Budget by \$30,000; reduce Boarding Contracts in the Juvenile Court Budget by \$20,000; and increase legal service contracts in the Justice Miscellaneous Budget by \$20,000 (a net reduction of \$30,000). The Juvenile Court will be notified in writing of the adjustments.

It was noted that the Juvenile Court has requested a Court Administrator.

Stevens suggested that the Board ask the Judges to provide justification for the position.

- ▶ Lancaster County, Year End Fund Balances from Budgets
- ▶ Correspondence Regarding Drug Court Budgets
- ▶ Grant Fund Activity 7/1/05 to 6/30/06

The Board briefly discussed other areas of possible reduction.

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded to direct Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer, to go forward with the budget with a rate of .2653 cents, or as adjusted with the \$30,000 reduction.

Kroeker said he will adjust the Contingency Fund to account for a two percent delinquency factor.

ROLL CALL: Heier, Workman, Stevens and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

4 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Set Date for One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program Hearing (Suggested Dates are November 7 or 15, 2006)

Item was not covered.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Workman moved and Heier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 a.m. Workman, Stevens, Heier and Schorr voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk